AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound of the general formula I

$$V \xrightarrow{Q} A \xrightarrow{N} X_1 \xrightarrow{X_2} X_3$$

or pharmaceutically acceptable prodrugs, salts, hydrates, solvates, crystal forms or diastereomers thereof, wherein:

 X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 are each carbon where one is substituted with Z and the rest independently with Y; or one of X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 is N, and the others are carbon where one carbon is substituted with Z and the rest independently with Y;

A is a ring selected from:









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where D is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halogen, amino;

Q is a bond, halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, O, S, SO, SO₂, CO, CS;

W is:

[[(ii)]] (i) NR1R2 where R1 and R2 are independently H, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylCF3, aryl, hetaryl, C_{1-4} alkylaryl, C_{1-4} alkylhetaryl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, cyclohetalkyl, C_{1-4} alkylcycloalkyl, C_{1-4} alkyl cyclohetalkyl, or R1 and R2 are joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, NR3; and R3 is selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl, aryl, hetaryl, C_{1-4} alkyl aryl, C_{1-4} alkyl hetaryl, COR4 where R4 is selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl, aryl, hetaryl; or

(ii) H, C_{1-4} alkyl, aryl, hetaryl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, cyclohetalkyl, C_{1-4} alkylaryl, C_{1-4} alkyletaryl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{1-4} alkyleycloalkyl, C_{1-4} alkyleycloalkyl;

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Y is H, halogen, CN, CF₃, nitro, OH, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkylNR5R6, C₁₋₄ alkylhetaryl, OC₁₋₄ alkyl, OC₂₋₄ alkylOC₁₋₄alkyl, OC₁₋₄ alkylNR5R6, OC₁₋₄ alkylhetaryl, OC₁₋₄ alkylcyclohetalkyl, SC₁₋₄ alkyl, SC₂₋₄ alkylOC₁₋₄alkyl, SC₁₋₄ alkylNR5R6, NR5R6, NR5COR6, NR5SO₂R6; and R5 and R6 are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-6 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, NR7 and R7 is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylhetaryl;

Z is selected from:

where R8 is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;

R9 and R10 are independently selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylNR12R13, C_{1-4} alkylOR12, C_{1-4} alkylhetaryl or may be joined to form a 5-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O_7 , O_7 , O_7 , O_7 , O_7 , O_8 , O_8 , O_8 , O_8 , O_8 , O_8 , O_9

R11 is selected from OH, OC₁₋₄ alkyl, NR12R13; n is 0-4;

where R12 and R13 are independently selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, NR14; and R14 is selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl.

2. (original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound of formula I is a compound of formula II:

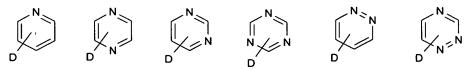
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or pharmaceutically acceptable prodrugs, salts, hydrates, solvates, crystal forms or diastereomers thereof, wherein:

 X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 are each carbon where one is substituted with Z and the rest independently with Y; or one of X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 is N, and the others are carbon where one carbon is substituted with Z and the rest independently with Y;

A is a ring selected from:



where D is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halogen, amino;

O is a bond, halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, O, S, SO, SO₂, CO, CS;

W is:

- (i) NR1R2 where R1 and R2 are independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkylCF₃, aryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylhetaryl, C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, cyclohetalkyl, C₁₋₄ alkylcycloalkyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl cyclohetalkyl, or R1 and R2 are joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, NR3; and R3 is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₄ alkyl aryl, C₁₋₄ alkyl hetaryl, COR4 where R4 is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl, hetaryl; or
- (ii) W is H, C_{1-4} alkyl, aryl, hetaryl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, cyclohetalkyl, C_{1-4} alkylaryl, C_{1-4} alkyletaryl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, C_{1-4} alkyleycloalkyl, C_{1-4}

Y is H, halogen, CN, CF₃, nitro, OH, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkylNR5R6, C₁₋₄ alkylhetaryl, OC₁₋₄ alkyl, OC₂₋₄ alkylOC₁₋₄alkyl, OC₁₋₄ alkylNR5R6, OC₁₋₄ alkylhetaryl, OC₁₋₄ alkylcyclohetalkyl, SC₁₋₄ alkyl, SC₂₋₄ alkylOC₁₋₄alkyl, SC₁₋₄ alkylNR5R6, NR5R6, NR5COR6, NR5SO₂R6; and R5 and R6 are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-6 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, NR7 and R7 is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylhetaryl;

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Z is selected from:

where R8 is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;

R9 and R10 are independently selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylNR12R13, C_{1-4} alkylOR12, C_{1-4} alkylhetaryl or may be joined to form a 5-8 membered ring [[optionally]] containing an atom selected from [[O, S,]] SO, or SO₂[[, NR14]];

R11 is selected from OH, OC₁₋₄ alkyl, NR12R13; n is 0-4;

where: R12 and R13 are independently selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, NR14; and R14 is selected from H, C_{1-4} alkyl.

3. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

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4. (currently amended) A compound according to <u>claim 1</u>, any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the compound irreversibly inhibits JAK-3.

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5. (currently amended) A compound according to <u>claim 1</u>, any one of claims 1 to-4 wherein the compound selectively inhibits JAK 3 with respect to JAK 1 or JAK 2.

- 6. (currently amended) A composition comprising a carrier and <u>a</u> at least one compound according to <u>claim 1</u> any one of claims 1 to 5.
- 7. (currently amended) A method of treating a tyrosine kinase-associated disease state, the method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of <u>a</u> at least one compound according to <u>claim 1 or a pharmaceutical composition thereof</u> any one of claims 1 to 5 or a therapeutically effective amount of a composition according to claim 6.

8. (canceled)

- 9. (currently amended) A method of suppressing the immune system of a subject, the method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of <u>a</u> at least one compound according to <u>claim 1 or a pharmaceutical composition thereof</u> any one of claims 1 to 5 or a therapeutically effective amount of a composition according to claim 6.
- 10. (original) A selective JAK 3 inhibitor comprising a functionality wherein the functionality is positioned to selectively interact with the Cysteine residue close to the front lip of the ATP-binding cavity of JAK3 (CYS909) whereby the inhibitor is selective for JAK3 with respect to JAK2 and JAK1.
- 11. (original) A selective JAK3 inhibitor according to claim 10 wherein the functionality irreversibly binds with the Cysteine residue.
- 12. (currently amended) A selective JAK3 inhibitor according to claim 10 or claim 11 wherein the functionality is an alkylating group.
- 13. (currently amended) A selective JAK3 inhibitor according to <u>claim 10</u>, any one of claims 10 to 12 wherein the functionality is a Michael acceptor.

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REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to conform to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

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